

Community Calendar

TUESDAY, MAY 30

MIDDLETOWN - Monmouth County Park System will hold a step aerobics class, through July 25. For further information, call (732) 842-4000.

LINCROFT - The Monmouth County Park System hosts a women's canoe clinic on the river, from 5:30-7 p.m. For further information, call (732) 842-4000.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

WESTFIELD - National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County hosts a conference for World No Tobacco Day. For further information call (908) 233-8810.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

NEWARK - The gospel show "His Women His Way" will be shown at Newark Symphony Hall, through June 4th. For further information, call (973)943-8005.

TENAFLY - The African Art Museum of the SMA Fathers presents "Bouquet Threads: The Language of African Costumes and Textiles." For further information, call (201)541-1280.

LINCROFT - The Monmouth County Park System will sponsor an infrared photography class from 7 to 9:30 p.m. For further information, call (732) 842-4000.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 (AND THURSDAY, JUNE 6)

NEWARK - The Newark Literacy Campaign seeks volunteers to become reading partners, from 6:10-8:10 p.m. For further information, call (923)623-4001.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

NEWARK - The New Jersey Historical Society presents "Culture and Commitment," at 10 a.m. For further information call (973) 596-8500.

NEWARK - The New Jersey Historical Society presents "Tavern Games" from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m. For further information, call (973)596-8500.

JERSEY CITY - Auctions will be held for the Annual Statewide New Jersey Mask Competition. For further information, call (201) 963-1216.

NEW BRUNSWICK - The Museum of the American Hungarian presents their 25th Annual Hungarian Festival

from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. For further information, call (732) 775-3837.

LOCUST - The Monmouth County Park System presents "Owl Hoots." For more information, call (732) 842-4000.

COLTS NECK - The Monmouth County Park System will hold a line skating for adults, from 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. through the 24th. For further information, call (732) 842-4000.

UPPER FREEHOLD - The Monmouth County Park System will host "Papermaking Workshop," from 10 a.m.-12 noon. For further information, call (732) 842-4000.

WEST ORANGE - Friends of Edison and the Edison National Historic Site NJ host Edison Heritage Day, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For further information, call (973) 738-0550.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

LINCROFT - The Monmouth County Park System hosts a rock climbing workshop. For further information, call (732) 842-4000.

LOCUST - Monmouth County Park System presents "Turtle Tales," from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For further information, call (732)842-4000.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

NEWARK - NJ Society's Museum offers a guided walking tour at 1 p.m. For further information, call (973)596-8500.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

NEWARK - The New Jersey Historical Society presents "Lunchtime Area Past Times" at 12:15 p.m. For further information, call (973)596-8500.

GARFIELD - The Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse School Task Force is hosting "Tools for Preparing Peer Leaders," at 8:30 a.m. For further information, call (908) 233-8810.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

NEWARK - Essex County College offers a youth enrichment program. For more information, call (973)877-3416 or 3436.

NEW YORK - Lincoln Center hosts the 24th Annual American Crafts Festival, from noon to 9 p.m. For further information, call (212) 745-0091.

ACTORS' GUILD TAKES AIM AT COLIN POWELL NON UNION PRODUCTION



Ret. Gen. Colin Powell

By Lynn Elber

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The striking Screen Actors Guild was at war with Colin Powell over the non-union production of a public service announcement for the retired general's youth charity.

The spot for America's Promise, The Alliance For Youth, began filming in Maryland on Sunday, and SAG vowed to picket the production in which Powell was scheduled to take part Tuesday.

SAG President William Daniels sent a letter to Powell last week calling on him "as a man of great integrity, who is a role model for so many Americans" to join in honoring the 3-week-old strike by commercial actors.

Powell and the group he has led for three years, however, were not changing their plans, according to Matt Lauer, a spokesman for America's Promise in Alexandria, Virginia.

"We've invested a lot of resources into this effort and we had a deadline," Lauer said. The spot is to be unveiled at the June 26 National Community Service Conference in Orlando.

SAG and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, which represents about 135,000 actors, authorized the work stoppage beginning May 1. The unions want to change the ad industry's pay structure for commercials.

Some sports celebrities are observing the strike, such as golfs top player, Tiger Woods. He canceled a Nike commercial shoot shortly after the job action started.

Meanwhile, the National Football League Players Association urged its members to avoid non-union commercial production, SAG said, joining the players' unions for major league baseball and the National Basketball Association.



DMX

DMX GIVES MONEY TO CHURCH

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — Rapper DMX paid \$220,000 to save a church that once put him up in its basement.

"He rescued this church," said pastor Mario Cooper of the One Nation Under God Deliverance Church in Yonkers. "There's no doubt he will be rewarded by God."

DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, paid \$220,000 for the building the church was renting after learning that the church had been evicted, Cooper said. She said he spent several weeks in the basement about seven years ago, before his hip-hop career took off.

The rapper's business manager, Horace Madison, said DMX also wants to help the church buy a vacant building across the street for a soup kitchen and homeless shelter.

"I just have to make sure he's not overextending himself," Madison said.

TIGER GIVES LESSONS TO YOUNG GOLFERS



More than 2,500 children from area youth golf programs participated in the event in which Tiger Woods gave lessons to some of the young golfers. The event was co-sponsored by the Coca-Cola/Tiger Woods Foundation Junior Golf Clinics and Exhibition.

Black Quotes

"No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem."

Booker T. Washington



NJ Energy Choice proud sponsors of parade



New Jersey Energy Choice was a proud sponsor of the African American Heritage Parade & Festival. Gregory Dunlap of NJ Energy Choice's Utilities Education Committee was on hand to congratulate honorees and this year's grand marshals. Pictured from left to right: Irvington City Council President Wayne Smith, Gregory Dunlap, Parade Trustee Dorothy Gribby, Grand Marshals Catherine "Kitty" Brooks, and Newark Branch NAACP President Daniel Williams and Parade Chairman Donald Bernard, Sr.

Black History Moments

DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

NEW BILL GIVES TAX BREAK TO INTERNET TELECOMMUTERS

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—U.S. Reps. John Lewis (D-GA) and Jerry Weller (R-IL), both members of the House Ways and Means Committee, announced they have introduced bi-partisan legislation that would give tax relief to workers given home Internet access by employers.

The legislation, known as the DATA (Digital Divide Access to Technology) Act, for tax purposes treats the Internet access and first \$1,280 of the value of a computer and equipment (monitors, keyboards), including software, tech support and Internet access as a working benefit, one not subject to income tax. The current tax code exposes workers to higher taxes if they accept computers and Internet access as tax-free contributions like health and pension benefits.

PROMINENT LEADERS URGE AFRICAN AMERICANS TO JOIN PEACE CORPS

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—National Summit on Africa CEO Leonard Robinson and University of the District of Columbia President Julius Nimmons have spent their lives serving others. While their careers differ greatly, they share a common starting point: the Peace Corps.

Now both distinguished leaders are encouraging African Americans to jump start their professional lives by helping people in developing countries as Peace Corps Volunteers. "I would take a young African American 15 or 20 years to get the kind of experience and the kind of credibility that they can get from the Peace Corps," says one executive from a private corporation.

A Chairman for the 21st Century



Luther R. Gatling Photo compliments of One Hundred Black Men, Inc.

NEW YORK—One Hundred Black Men, Inc. seven-teen pres-

ident Luther R. Gatling announced today that he will seek the chairmanship of 100 Black Men of America at the organization's upcoming national conference, June 7-11, 2000, in Newark, New Jersey.

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men affecting the lives of millions of Black children, we need leadership that is forward-thinking and that fosters unity, growth and empowerment. It can provide that leadership for this

sleeping giant of an international brotherhood of Black men. We are poised at the dawn of the 21st century to take our rightful place on the world stage. By making our 89 local chapters individual power bases of Black leadership around the United States and the world, we can be a pivotal voice against racism and for economic development," Mr. Gatling noted.

"We have to be the catalyst in our communities for building businesses and providing employment, for building and maintaining families, for educating our youth, for home ownership—in short, we have the power and we must take the steps necessary to exercise control over the \$280 billion in disposable income that essentially leaves the Black community every year," Mr. Gatling added. Last year Mr. Gatling was reelected to an unprecedented

seventh term as president of One Hundred Black Men, Inc., the New York City Chapter of the 10,000-member 100 Black Men of America, an international organization of businessmen, elected officials, professionals and civic leaders in 89 cities around the United States, Europe, Africa and the Caribbean.

One Hundred Black Men, Inc., the original chapter from which grew 100 Black Men of America, was founded in New York City in 1963 when a group of successful African American men from the fields of business, industry, public affairs, government and other professions, decided to pool their resources to improve the quality of life for African Americans and other minorities. Among the early founders were Judge Robert Magnum, former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, and businessman J. Bruce Llewellyn.

Black GOP activist resigns from party

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Politicallyblack.com commentator and Republican activist Faye Anderson publicly resigned from the Republican Party March 28. She had been a national vice chair of the Republican National Committee's New Majority Council and worked in the 1988 and 1992 presidential campaigns of George Bush. She was also a policy advisor to Bob Dole's campaign when he ran for the White House in 1996.

Anderson said her resignation "comes in the wake of a pattern of racial blunders that I cannot dismiss as mere 'mistakes.'" She cited the 1999 refusal of congressional Republicans to support a resolution condemning the Council of Conservative Citizens (CCC), a white supremacist group, and Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush's refusal to condemn the flying of the Confederate flag over the South Carolina Statehouse, as well as his failure to speak out against Bob Jones University's ban on interracial dating. Anderson was interviewed by FOCUS editor David C. Ruffin.

RUFFIN: Do you see your resignation as emblematic of the Republican Party's difficulty in retaining Black support?

ANDERSON: I believe that 25 percent of Black folks could be added to the Republican base. But the people who are running the party are not convinced they can get the Black vote. It's no coincidence that the Black vote for Republican presidential candidates hovers around 10 percent. The problem is, those same blue suits who have been hanging around the Republican Party for the last 20 to 25 years don't know how to put together a message that would appeal to Black voters.

RUFFIN: What do you mean by blue suits?

ANDERSON: I mean white political advisers and consultants to Republican candidates. They don't see the Black middle class, so when they talk about reaching out to Blacks, they don't see the Black professional class. They only see poor folks—the inner city.

Think tank to research reparations for black Americans

WASHINGTON—The Harvest Institute, a nationally recognized think tank, announced that it is embarking on a national fact-finding mission to identify how Black people were economically exploited, physically abused, and culturally crippled by centuries of slavery and Jim Crow segregation. The Institute will develop the legal theories, financial justifications, and facts to support reparations. The Institute's fact-finding mission is predicated on the belief that the American system of social democracy is obligated to deliver justice to those whom society has treated unjustly.

The Harvest Institute has support from Black elected officials, community organizations, Black chambers of commerce, and business groups. It is seeking sources of information about specific instances in which private parties, businesses, and various levels of government supported and directly or indirectly profited or otherwise benefited from the laws and public

policies of full Black slavery and Jim Crow semi-slavery. Those laws and policies denied the natural rights of Black people to enjoy life, liberty, pursuit of happiness and the fruits of their own labor. The Institute intends to identify individuals with historically documented links to slavery and Jim Crow, collect primary research materials, and hold public hearings. The Institute's findings will serve as a legal-moral basis for Black people's reparations claims.

According to Dr. Claud Anderson, President and CEO of the organization, "Reparations for Black people is no longer a far-fetched issue for parlor room discussions. It is now a necessity."

"Black Americans are a forgotten, non-competitive people. They are on the verge of becoming a permanent underclass. Four centuries of slavery and Jim Crow mal-distributed nearly 100 percent of this nation's wealth, income, resources, businesses, and controls of all levels of government into the hands of

the majority white society. Blacks do not own nor control a sufficient amount of anything to be a competitive group in a competitive society. This nation has systematically forced them to practice capitalism without the benefits of capital. Black Americans are ill-equipped to compete and survive in the 21st century."

Dr. Anderson held the rank of an assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Commerce under President Jimmy Carter. He is a popular lecturer and author of the best-selling book "Black Labor, White Wealth: A Search for Power and Economic Justice," which broadly outlines the legal and economic case for Black reparations.

Widely recognized as one of America's most influential intellectuals, Anderson has drawn the nation's attention to the issue of race and the advantages of redeveloping and industrializing Black communities. Anderson argues that the wounds inflicted on Black Americans by the legacy of slavery and Jim Crow are so deep that neither

integration nor civil rights can repair the damage.

"It is nonsense to talk about equal opportunity for Black people in a society in which racial monopolies guarantee that each succeeding generation of Whites inherit approximately 98 percent of this nation's wealth and resources at birth," said Anderson. "The amount of wealth that Black's own has been frozen. It was 1/4 of one percent on the eve of the Civil War and it remains approximately 1/4 of one percent 140 years later. Similarly, on the eve of the Black Civil Rights Movement, Blacks earned 54 cents to the dollar. Today, half of a century later, they earn 57 cents for every dollar that a white earns. These inequalities exist in a society in which wealth and income shape opportunities."

Anderson continued, "It is one thing when Blacks have difficult lives because of poor individual choices. It is quite another to have to live in a system that imposes inequities because of color."

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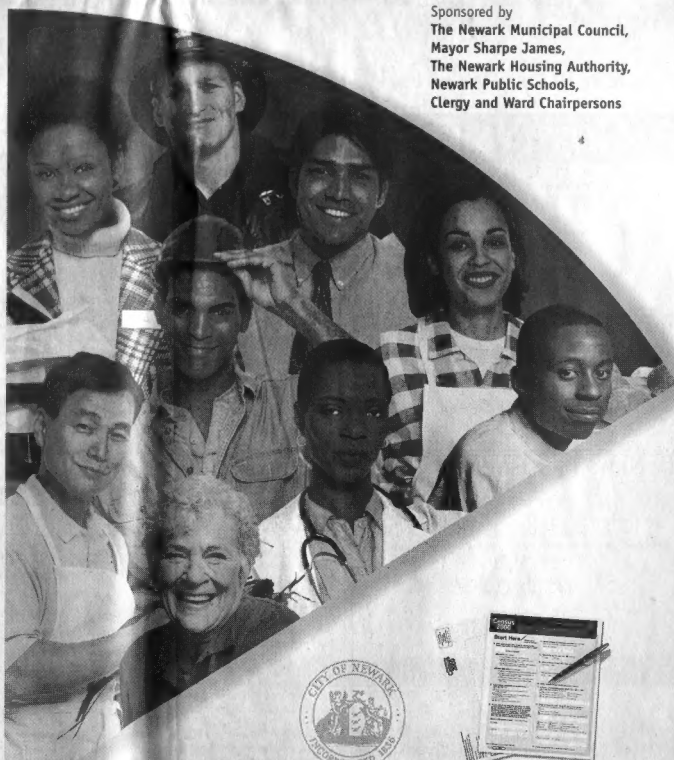
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EDITORIAL Divine Justice

It boggles my mind how an individual can walk up to another person and shoot them down in cold blood. Not in self-defense, but merely because they might have had a beef with the victim or just because I trimmer at the idea of someone being shot or stabbed. It is such a vicious act. The despicable evil that lurked within the person or people, who executionally shot, seven employees at a Wendy's restaurant located in New York, and killed five is beyond my realm of thinking. The perplexing nature of man—good vs. evil—reigns terror again. Just last week, the editorial focus centered on us being our brothers keeper. And this week that stance swings to the opposing extreme—people killing people. Or, people trying to get over on one another, running scams, money grabbing parasites, the con artist, who leads you to believe one thing while setting you up for another. Cut throats. And those who wield wickedness deriving a false sense of self gratification. Those that want something for nothing. Right wing special interest groups, who could give less than a damn about anyone or anything that doesn't interest them. To them all, there is a thing called Divine Justice. And just in case you're searching your thoughts to see if you fall into any of these categories take this test—Do you treat people the way you'd like to be treated? Do you talk to people the way you'd like to be talked to? Hopefully you passed. And on that note there's hope for a better world in which we live!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Recent examples of blatant police terrorism across the United States, especially in oppressed African-American and Latino communities, have brought to light the burning need for a new form of community control over the police. People on the streets know that the question of police brutality is not a simple matter of a few bad cops in need of obedience training, but a far greater question of who has power in our communities. Who is accountable to whom?

Here in Newark, residents are regularly disrespected and denied their rights by police officers who see certain people as criminals before they even see the criminal act committed. African consciousness permeates the police department that a criminal looks a particular way. This consciousness, combined with police officer's street power to arbitrarily detain and search city residents results in only the newest way of denying poor people, African-Americans, and Latinos their rights. Recently, it has been called "race-profiling," because often skin color is the determining factor, but working-class white people are also victim of these uncontrolled police powers. It is a violation of our civil and constitutional and human rights.

As part of a defense—a check—against this unbridled police power, and as part of the ongoing

struggle of Newark's poor and oppressed communities for political equality and democracy, the People's Organization for Progress calls for an independent police review board, democratically elected by the community and with subpoena power, that will monitor police activity. We know that police internal affairs departments are part of the police force and will do little to "rock the boat." A police review board will allow people who have a complaint against the police department—or an individual in it—to bring their concern to an independent agency that is empowered to do something about it. This mere existence of this institution, more than anything, will deter police from committing crimes. Every day that we don't address this question of power in a real way, police departments become more and more firmly entrenched in a power-abusing and racist culture. Every day that we ignore the community's need for empowerment, more and more residents have their rights denied in neo-fascist practices. It's long before this leads to a Dallas-style police murder in Newark, New York, more than ever. Newark needs a strong, local leadership who can seize our potential and take a leading role in the United States on this burning issue.

Sincerely,
Mark C. Smith (POP)

Candidate Murray Sabrin for US Senate: America at its worst

By Tony Lewars

On Saturday, May 6, 2000 I had the opportunity to meet Democrats Jim Florio and the Jon Corzine's managers along with the sale Republican Murray Sabrin who was brave enough to attend a candidate forum put on by the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP in Plainfield.

After hearing both the representatives of Florio and Corzine eloquently preaching to the choir on the virtues of their candidates, I was pleasantly surprised to hear from Republican candidate Dr. Sabrin in his opening remarks made sure that the audience look note that he was the only candidate present, while the surrogates represented the others. Dr. Sabrin after explaining the terrible hardship his parents endured during the holocaust then proceeded to explain how he went on to succeed in American without any special privileges or preferences. He then went on to condemn affirmative action and imply that it was a device to set up two separate Americas by giving preferential treatment. Dr. Sabrin's

remarks really irritated members of the audience. This was reflected in the fact that most of the questions were directed at him during the questions and answer section of the forum.

As I sat there listening to Dr. Sabrin I was caught in a total daze. Although like Dr. Sabrin, I was not born in this country, this country has been my home for the past 15 years. During this period not only due to the color of my skin, but because of my own sense of history and my understanding of it I got a good experience of the problems in America. I

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realized that Dr. Sabrin just did not get it nor did he care to get it.

As an ignorant insensitive

Jewish immigrant who has not had doors slammed in his face merely because of his color, Dr. Sabrin and others like him will

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never understand what it is to be black in America. Because of his parent's experience and his so-called success, he automatically assumed that America has a level playing field of opportunities. Unfortunately he and others of his own likeness can only hear or read about the inequality and the discrimination that takes place around them everyday. He is totally immune and unaware of his own preferential treatment that comes with the color of skin. His idealism lies in the blindness of his parent's experience and his sheltered clus-

ter has kept him separate and apart from the reality of the treatment of people of color in this country everyday.

Yes, America is land of opportunities - both good and bad. Unfortunately people of color still have not yet attained the level of fairness that white American's takes for granted. We are still knocking at the door of fairness and the door of justice for the opportunity to compete. Unfortunately America's promise to deliver through the various federal and state Acts are still mere promises yet to be delivered and as we enter the 21st Century we are still waiting for the fulfillment of these promises.

When we elect insensitive legislators like Sabrin who are so out of touch with reality of America, we can only expect to regress and give the rest of the world the false impression that America has overcome its racially divided status. It is time for us to face our reality and not our perceived realities of racial harmony and land of equal opportunities that we tend to convey to the rest of the world.

PanAfricanism and reparations

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

Our great historian and departed ancestor, Dr. John Henrik Clarke, described in his classic book, *Notes For An African World Revolution*, that "the idea of uniting all Africa had its greatest development early in this century."

Dr. Clarke wrote that, "In 1900, the Trinidadian lawyer, H. Sylvester Williams called together the first Pan African Conference in London. This meeting attracted attention and put the word Pan African in the dictionaries for the first time."

According to Dr. Clarke there were only thirty delegates to the conference that came mainly from England, the Caribbean, and the United States. Dr. W. E. B. DuBois sent a strong delegation from the United States. It is in this connection that the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASAC), at their International Conference in July, will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of the First Pan African Conference in London.

When we use the term Pan Africanism we must be very clear. Pan Africanism is the belief that people of African ancestry throughout the world have the same racial and cultural characteristics and the same social and economic conditions as a result of our African origin.

The Pan African component of the Reparations Movement launched its first international conference on Reparations in Lagos, Nigeria, in December of

1990. After that conference, the Organization of African Unity (OAU), set up a Group of Eminent Persons (GEP), in June 1992. Its aim was to work out the different ways in which to proceed, and to secure technical advisors, who would help solve some of the difficulties associated with the claim for reparations.

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—Dr. John Henrik Clarke

A second conference on Reparations was held in Abuja, Nigeria, in 1993, attended by representatives from throughout the Diaspora. That conference issued a declaration, called "The Abuja Declaration," which called for a national reparations committee to be set up throughout Africa and the Diaspora. The African Reparations Movement (ARM) was formed in 1993, as a result of this proclamation.

It is important that we understand that the growing Reparations Movement in America, led by the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCBRA) is connected to the growing Reparations Movement occurring throughout the world.

A delegation from the United States, led by Dr. Jacob Carruthers and Dr. Ron Walters, participated in Abuja's First Pan African Conference and reported back to the leaders of the Reparations Movement, in

this country, their observations and analysis of the conference.

As we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the birth of Malcolm X, we must remember his role in helping to formulate the Pan African Movement that we stand on today as we fight for reparations for African people throughout the world.

In Malcolm's last visit to Africa before his untimely departure from us, he visited the President of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah. Malcolm gave this account of the meeting in his autobiography.

Malcolm said, "We discussed the unity of Africans and people of African descent. We agreed that Pan Africanism was the key also to the problems of these of African heritage. My time with him was up all too soon. I promised faithfully that when I returned to the United States, I would relay to Afro-Americans his personal warm regards."

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The Abuja Proclamation should be the basis for our continued organizing the Reparations Movement in Africa and the world. The following area

some of the key points presented in "The Abuja Proclamation" on April 27-29, 1993: "Recalling the Organization of African Unity's establishment of a machinery the Group of Eminent Persons for appraising the reparations in relation to the damage done to Africa and its Diaspora by enslavement, colonization, and neo-colonialism."

Convinced that the issue of reparations is an important question requiring the united action of Africa and its Diaspora and worth of the active support of the rest of the international community.

Fully persuaded that the damage sustained by the African peoples is not a thing of the past but is painfully manifest in the damaged lives of contemporary Africans from Harlem to Harare, in the damaged economies of the Black World from Guinea to Guyana, from Somalia to Zimbabwe.

Cognizant of the fact that compensation for injustice need not necessarily be paid in capital transfer but could include service, the victims or other forms of restitution and redress of the relationship to both parties.

Convinced that the claim for Reparations is well grounded in International Law."

No matter who gets on the bandwagon of the growing Reparations Movement, we must always remember what Dr. Clarke taught us and that is "powerless people never take powerless people how to take power away from them!"

It's protesting apartheid in South Africa or the treatment of Haitians by our immigration laws, black Americans have been at the forefront on almost all issues. All but one: Slavery. You may not want to read this, but slavery still exists in Africa.

In the Sudan, millions of Africans whether they are Christian, Moslem or animist have been forced into chattel slavery. The present Sudanese government came into power as the result of a 1989 coup by the National Islamic Front. Government militias routinely raid villages, killing the men and carrying off the women and children. The boys will be circumcised and set to harsh manual labor. The females become housewives and concubines. Rape is common and so is genital mutilation. Punishments for slaves who break the master's rules are incredible. Among other things, a slave in Sudan faces branding, castration or hobbling by having the Achilles tendon cut.

Slavery...in our time

by Kimberly Jane Wilson
If you went to public school any time in the last 20 years, you can be forgiven if you think slavery is a uniquely American and Southern experience. That belief, fueled by the political correctness movement, is dead wrong. The evil system we call slavery existed long before the United States was ever thought of, and occurred everywhere in the world.

The ancient Greeks and Romans had slaves as did the Aztecs and the Incas. The Bible tells us that the Hebrews were held in Egyptian bondage for 400 years. India had slaves (an ugly form of indentured servitude still exists there), and so did China.

Slavery was thriving in Africa well before the first Portuguese, Spanish, English and Frenchmen came up on the coastline. When whites did appear, they showed up with greed for this gold led African chieftains and warlords to enter into constant wars to acquire captives to sell into

slavery. This activity came at a high price. If you are continually at war with your neighbors, you cannot advance economically, socially and technologically. If you sell off massive

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numbers of young men and women, you will have a physical drain and a brain drain. Eventually, a weakened Africa found itself easy pickings for European colonization.

The horror of African slavery began in 1619 when a group of Africans were brought to Jamestown, Virginia.

Although Spanish priests and later the Quakers condemned the practice, slavery became entrenched in the

colonies and not just in the South. The first American ships to get into the slave trade came from Massachusetts. In the early days of slavery there were thriving slave centers in Rhode Island, New York and in Pennsylvania. After centuries of festering in America like an open sore, slavery was finally ended by the Emancipation Proclamation. Today, black Americans are the richest

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Business and civic leader Charles Allen re-elected as AAA chairman

BOSTON — Charles E. Allen, chairman, CEO and co-founder of the Grainmark family of companies in Michigan — was re-elected chairman of the AAA Board of Directors at the 97th AAA Annual Meeting in Boston. Allen is the first African American to serve as AAA chairman.

Allen, a well-known business and civic leader in Detroit, was elected to the AAA board in 1991 and served as vice chairman in 1997-98.

chairman of the AAA Michigan board in 1992-93.

He heads the Grainmark company, which includes the following: Grainmark Realty Advisors, a real estate development firm; Graicap Inc., a full-service investment banking firm; and the New South Africa Pizza Co. Ltd., the Domino's Pizza master franchise in South Africa.

The Atlanta native began his career in banking and in 1981 he was recruited to run First Independence, Detroit's original minority-owned bank, which was near collapse. During his seven-year tenure there, First Independence became the nation's sixth largest minority bank as its assets more than doubled from \$39 million to \$87 million.

He was the 1995-97 state general chairman of Michigan's United Negro College Fund campaign which raised nearly \$8 million during his stewardship. His other civic involvements include serving on the boards of the United Negro College Fund and the Detroit Economic Club.

A graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, he earned a master's in business administration from the University of Chicago in 1972. He received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Benedict College, Columbia, S.C., in 1996. More than 1,000 delegates and club officials, representing



Charles E. Allen
photo courtesy of AAA

A graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, he earned a master's in business administration from the University of Chicago in 1972.

the federation's 85 affiliated clubs in the United States and Canada, elected Robert J. Cardozo of Modesto, Calif., vice chairman, and Marilyn M. Pfaltz of Summit, N.J., secretary.

Coca-Cola to spend \$1 billion to boost business opportunities for minorities

ATLANTA (AP) — The Coca-Cola Co. plans to spend \$1 billion over the next five years to boost U.S. business opportunities for minorities and women.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Tuesday. The Coca-Cola Co. must continue to strengthen local economies and communities through the way it invests, company chairman Doug Daft said in a statement.

Coke is facing a racial discrimination lawsuit by eight current and former employees and a boycott intended to force a settlement, but executives said the program is aimed at Coca-Cola's relationship with the outside world.

"This is a business strategy," said Carl Ware, executive vice president of global public affairs and the highest-ranking black executive at Coke.

"It's not something that's lacked on because it's a nice thing to do, although it is the right thing to do," Ware added.

The initiative, which will almost double the company's spending on such programs, includes:

Increasing spending with minority and female-owned businesses to an average of \$160 million a year compared with about \$100 million now.

Establishing a "supplier mentoring" program among minorities and women. . . . Increasing economic partnerships and marketing investments in 50 additional urban communities, targeting smaller

entrepreneurs. Strengthening financial ties to firms owned by minorities or women. For example, Coke said its trustees recently doubled the portion of its employee pension fund managed by such firms to \$115 million.

Spending \$50 million to support nonprofit organizations. Funding would include scholarships for minority youths, mentoring programs and support for community outreach and advocacy programs.

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—Joseph Lowery

"I think it will be a model for corporate America in the new century," said Joseph Lowery, president emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a civil rights leader who has urged Coke to settle the discrimination lawsuit.

"It deals with economic empowerment in the minority communities, which is where advancement should come from. I think we have to give the protesting employees credit for serving as a catalyst for this new venture by Coke," Lowery said.

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Four Republican hopefuls debate

By RALPH SIEGEL
Associated Press Writer

EDISON (AP) — The four candidates for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate haggled over taxes, land preservation and guns in a televised debate Monday.

Republican candidates U.S. Rep. Bob Franks, R-Berkeley Heights; state Sen. William Gormley, R-Atlantic; Essex County executive Jim Treffinger, and Keanapo College professor Murray Sabrin were given some chances to get at each other, and they used them.

Franks tried to link Gormley

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— Bob Franks

to former Gov. Jim Florio — now a Democratic primary candidate — on taxes and on New Jersey's ban on semi-automatic rifles. Franks in the process criticized the state's law for taking guns away from law-abiding citizens.

"You were the only Republican in the entire Legislature to stand shoulder to shoulder with Jim Florio to vote for that particular ban," Franks said. "How can the voters believe you don't have a working relationship that really goes over the line to work with liberal Democrats?"

Gormley said Franks was distorting history. He then criticized him for missing those gun control votes when he was in the state Assembly. "We are going to stand up to groups, special interests, like the NRA. That's got to be our message," he said.

Gormley said Franks slipped while in Congress when he voted to impeach President Clinton, then voted to urge the Senate not to reject him from office. Franks said, "Bill, I never heard from you on the impeachment issue. While you were at home watching the debate on O-SPAN, I was down there making the toughest vote of my political career."

The Republicans also parted ways on land development. Gormley, Franks and Treffinger endorsed open space preservation, but Treffinger and Gormley criticized a bill in Congress to allow developers to fight land regulations in court. Franks defended it, saying land owners should have remedies when regulations damage the value of their property.

Sabrin denounced land preservation altogether. "When people see sprawl, they see problems. I see prosperity."

The debate was broadcast live on the News 12 New Jersey cable TV station. When the candidates did not tangle directly, they staked out a few unique positions.

Gormley supported GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush's plan to allow workers to withhold some Social Security payroll taxes and to put their money into stock market funds instead. "I think he's definitely on the right track," he said.

Treffinger called for scrapping the entire federal tax code and endorsed a flat tax with large exemptions for families and children.

Franks called for sharp cuts in regulations that control housing development, claiming that such rules drive up housing costs by a third. "Too many regulations which burden our economy are inefficient and miss the mark," he said.

Sabrin wanted a full repeal of affirmative action programs, calling them racial profiling.

For all four, the debate presented a crucial chance not only to contrast themselves with their opponents but to make themselves known to voters in the first place. The primary is June 6 and the GOP race has been somewhat overshadowed by the Democratic primary between the high-spending Jon Corzine and Florio. Franks and Gormley are seen as the leaders of the GOP pack based on support from within the ranks of the Republican Party, although the

few polls taken suggest all of them are close and are virtually unknown to voters. Treffinger has a formidable base of support in Essex and Passaic counties, and has joined the two leaders in raising more than \$1 million.

While the other GOP campaigns have tried to dismiss Sabrin, who ran for governor in 1997 as a Libertarian, few outside observers are willing to dismiss him because of his appeal to anti-abortion and antigun control groups.

Sabrin, asked to explain his conversion to the Republican Party, said, "As they say in politics, you want to get on the fastest bus possible."

Franks, Gormley and Treffinger all support abortion rights within limits, endorsing a law against a late-term procedure opponents call "partial birth abortion."

Sabrin ridiculed their stance. "If you believe partial birth is wrong, then you have to believe that all abortion is wrong in that context," he said.

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Committee approves Payne measure creating AMISTAD Commission

New Jersey Students may soon get an honest view of blacks' contributions to this country

TRENTON — The Assembly Education Committee approved a measure Assemblyman William D. Payne sponsored that would establish a 21-member Amistad Commission to develop education and public awareness programs about the history of slavery in America and the post-slavery triumphs of African Americans, which will be incorporated into the regular school curriculum.

The new state-wide commission also would be responsible for developing general public awareness programs about the history of racism in America, the efforts to eliminate and eradicate racism in our society, and the many noteworthy contributions African-Americans have made in building this society.

It is vital that our schools and public institutions educate our children and all citizens about the full story of the African slave trade and the often heroic efforts of African Americans who fought this brutal and dehumanizing activity," said Payne (D-Newark). Everyone can benefit from knowing the real facts about the American slavery experience and the subsequent contributions that African Americans made in the development of this society."

The Amistad Commission — named in honor of a group of enslaved Africans who successfully gained their freedom by overthrowing the crew of the slave cargo ship Amistad and later had their case for freedom successfully argued before the United States Supreme Court — would have a broad range of responsibilities, notably helping to develop

improved education programs to teach public and private school children about the history of slavery in America.

We're not seeking revisionism with this legislation, we're seeking accuracy about the totality of the history of slavery and African Americans," said Payne.

The assemblyman is sponsoring the bill (A-249) with Assembly Democratic Leader ProTempore Joseph Charles Jr.

(D-Jersey City), the chairman of the New Jersey Legislative Black and Latino Caucus.

Payne said he conceived the bill to help bridge an education gap involving slavery in the country and the significant role African-Americans have played in all facets of American life. Payne said conventional school curricula is often inadequate or inaccurate in teaching children about slavery and mostly omits the efforts of countless African-Americans to overcome the legacy of slavery and corresponding bigotry.

For example, many Americans harbor a misconception that enslaved men and women were complacent toward their captors. But Payne pointed out that there is considerable evidence of enslaved African-Americans participating in rebellions, legal challenges, and political activities intended to end slavery.

"The unique cruelties of this country's slave trade — which separated families — are often ignored or given scant attention in New Jersey classrooms," said Payne. "Students need to learn the honors their ancestors faced and overcome and should realize the significance of African-American contributions to the development of our society."

State Court affirms 100 percent state funding for poor school districts

By KATHLEEN CANNON
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON(AP) — The New Jersey Supreme Court recently affirmed its earlier order that the state must pay full funding for school construction projects in 30 poor school districts.

The ruling is a defeat for Assembly Speaker Jack Collins, who last month asked the justices to clarify their 1998 ruling, which most interpret as ordering 100 percent state funding for the so-called special-needs schools.

Collins, whose school construction legislation falls short of that mandate, has argued that the court was not clear in 1998. He has also said that the court should provide the Legislature some leeway in portioning funds to the districts, which are not uniformly poor.

But the justices, in an unanimous nine-page decision, said their 1998 order stands.

"The state is required to fund all of the costs of necessary facilities remediation and construction in the Abbott districts," the decision said, referring to the special-needs districts' name in the Abbott vs. Burke case.

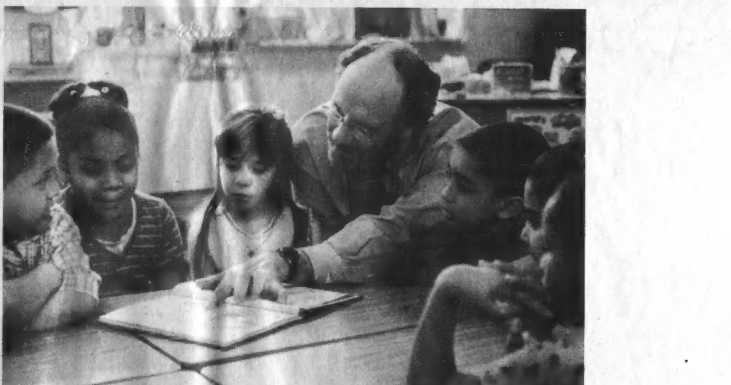
Collins could not be reached for immediate comment Thursday morning. He scheduled a news conference for 1 p.m.

The speaker's maneuver last month came amid the ongoing struggle over how to fund the program, which is estimated to cost \$15 billion and would make building funds available to all New Jersey districts.

Collins' bill proposes full funding in the poor schools for emergency repairs and new classroom space to relieve overcrowding, but less for "extras" such as cafeterias and media rooms.

A competing measure in the Senate, which is backed by Senate President Donald DiFrancesco and Gov. Christie Whitman, would provide full state funds for all projects in the poor schools.

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REPUBLICANS BACK BILL TO BAR CENSUS SAMPLING IN REDISTRICTING

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Choosing between actual enumeration and statistical sampling might sound like a high school word problem, but both sides say now comes a time when drawing legislative districts will need to take into account the state's population.

On Monday, the Assembly's State Government Committee voted along party lines, 9-2, to move a bill that would force the New Jersey Department of Community Development to use actual census data and disregard any estimate.

When the once-a-decade results are in, the commission is required to use the numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau to draw boundaries for state and federal representatives.

However, the federal government will provide the state with two figures: the actual head count of residents who answered the census and an estimate based on that data and statistical models.

Assembly Republicans want the commission to only use the head count, or actual enumeration.

Democrats say their opponents say to do that will undercut the number of minorities, recent immigrants and city residents who appear not likely to respond to the census. The only fair way, they argue, is to use the statistical sample. They claim it presents a more accurate picture of the state's population.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that sampling-enhanced numbers can-

COMMITTEE SAYS JURORS SHOULD GET FIRST PAY INCREASE IN 50 YEARS

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Jurors may not get paid better for the last time in 50 years.

A state Assembly committee agreed Monday to raise the pay for citizen jurors from the \$5 daily compensation to \$10.

But only jurors who serve more than 10 days would get the raise. Jurors who serve fewer than 10 days would still be paid the \$5. The measure, sponsored by Assemblywoman Joan A. Hughes, D-Hudson, passed the Assembly's Judiciary Committee by a vote of 10-1.

Assembly Speaker James E. McGreevey said the move to raise the pay would encourage more people to serve as jurors, remove the barriers to service and ensure we don't create a financial burden, Hughes said.

The state would bear the increased costs. The assignment judge in each county would be required to top all days that jurors serve and report the amount the state should pay.

According to Hughes, this would be the first time since 1950 that jurors in state Superior Court will change the pay.

Fifty years ago, \$5 was a generous amount, but it certainly isn't anymore, Hughes said.

ASSEMBLY BILL SEEKS BIGGER BUDGET BITE TO REDUCE DEBTS

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — An Assembly bill Monday passed a bill aimed at reducing the state's long-term debt.

Under the measure, A-7, a larger portion of any excess revenues coming from the state's lottery would be used to pay off debt.

Gov. Christine Whitman included a debt-reduction plan in her 2000-01 fiscal budget, which still requires legislative approval.

The budget for the 2000-01 fiscal year, which begins July 1, has a built-in \$720 million "rainy-day" fund. It is intended to maintain a reserve in case of unforeseen expenses.

The bill's proposal is to take any revenues above the \$720 million and divide the funds, keeping half for the surplus and using the other half for debt reduction. Debts can be reduced, but only by paying them off.

The bill also would allow the state to use the time to save future interest costs.

The bill sponsored by Assembly Speaker Jack Collins, R-Salem, that would require the state to use the amount of excess revenues to be used for debt reduction.

Millennium Towers

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They are united in their mission. However, the Jersey City organizations have now split with the downtown based Hamilton Park Neighborhood Park Association having won concessions for their community development, and the inclusion of green space with each development and the prohibition of junkyards, recycling center and night clubs in their areas.

Jersey City Heights, however, with a coalition of 12 community groups, remain firmly united in their opposition to the Towers, including the Palisade Avenue Coalition, the Hilltop Neighborhood Association, the Riverview Neighborhood Association, the Heights Home Neighborhood Association, and the St. Anthony's Park Neighborhood Association.

Mayor Brad Schundler's administration is supportive of the development, and argues it is a way of opening further development in that corridor, long considered a blighted area.

However, many are suspicious of Schundler's support, feeling that he may well have sold the city short in concessions and patronage in turn for support of his "pending" candidacy as governor.

More state aid for poor school districts

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running legislative and court battle, the state Supreme Court ruled that the state must fund education programs for 30 of the state's poorest districts, known as Abbott districts after the court ruling. "Almost half of our formula aid will go to these districts so they can fund at a level equal to the wealthiest districts in the state," Hesse said. "We recognize the need to fully implement the court decision."

But Hesse admitted the aid package itself is not fully funded. The department only budgeted \$104 million for the upcoming fiscal year, and he must ask the Legislature to cover the more than \$62 million he said the schools deserve.

Hesse said the 10 districts that did not apply were able to cover program needs in their school budgets.

'Smart guns' wins Senate approval

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behind the bill but could not vote to legislate technology that does not exist.

"You have to make sure it's a foolproof, childproof weapon," he

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The Legislature definitely has the final say. They approved last year's (said), and we're hoping they'll approve this year's," Hesse said.

A spokeswoman for state Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, R-Union, said he was not available. Calls to Assembly Speaker Jack Collins, R-Salem, were not immediately returned.

Twenty of the 30 Abbott districts applied for supplemental aid, requesting more than \$487 million in state funds. Hoboken and Elizabeth were declared ineligible. Paterson withdrew its request.

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Newark, by far the largest district in the group, would get \$60 million in the funding plan. Gloucester City, with \$15 million, is listed with the lowest amount.

State education officials are still evaluating a proposal by Elizabeth for aid to its early childhood education plan.

Despite the overwhelming increase in proposed aid, the school representing children in the Abbott districts criticized the state funding plan.

"What they did ahead of time was decide what they wanted to spend and back into it," said Steve Block, the director of school reform initiatives for the Education Law Center. "This

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Report examines takeover of Newark schools

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nearly 10,000 individuals, including students, teachers, parents and administrators, as well as data collected from 200 interviews, and review of hundreds of documents related to the district operations both before and during the state's intervention.

This study comes on the heels of findings that suggest since the state took over Newark's public schools \$58 million cannot be accounted for, and Assemblyman William Payne had called for a federal investigation.

The report cites several philanthropic leaders who said, "prior to the takeover, corporations and foundations were extremely reluctant to support activity at the district level."

"For to the state takeover, the Newark Public Schools were too corrupt for us to invest time, money or energy in."

"The report is comprehensive, in that we sought input from parents, teachers, students and it delivers clear recommendations that will help decision and policy makers make the right choice to sustain long-term institutional improvement and increased student achievement," said Morris.

The primary findings include:

A substantial number of parents, teachers, students and site administrators believe schools have improved in school planning, academic focus, atmosphere for teaching and opportunities to learn.

Student attendance and achievement are closely and positively correlated at both the middle and high school levels.

The district's reliance on state funds has led to its capacity to track individual gain prevents detailed analyses of student achievement results, especially at the elementary level.

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CityLife

Newark's Seniors Fashion Extravaganza

NEWARK — Newark Seniors showcased an annual Fashion Show. The 11th Annual Senior Citizens' Fashion Extravaganza. The afternoon affair and annual event serves as the premiere showcase for the city's senior population. It was presented in the Grand Ballroom of the Robert Treat Hotel on May 18.

Led by Councilwoman At-Large Bessie Walker, the event was presented by the Newark Municipal Council, Mayor Sharpe James and the Senior Citizens' Fashion Show Extravaganza Committee. Over 1,000 seniors attended with over 50 participating in the event.

Among the scheduled activities was competition in six (6) special categories: Senior Mayor for a Day (1st place), Senior Council President for a Day (2nd place), Senior Library Director for a Day (3rd place), Senior Housing Director for a Day (4th place), Senior Police Director for a Day (5th place), and Senior

Fire Director for a Day (6th place).

As winners, they will hold these honorary titles for the remainder of the year and will be honored by the respective office on a day determined by the actual department director.

There was live entertainment, food, raffle prizes, and a special dedication to deceased leaders. According to event organizers, competition was extended citywide for participants age 55-89 and "Golden Ager" age 90 and older were honored with a special dedication. A distinguished panel of nine judges oversaw the competition among the contestant models, VIP models, and guest models.

The event was founded by former Central Ward Councilman George Branch who was on hand as an event host. He was joined by the Mayor's Ambassador on Aging, Mrs. Kitty Taylor, who is also an official host.



Vivian Smith served as the fashion commentator for the highly touted event, where Seniors are honorably recognized.

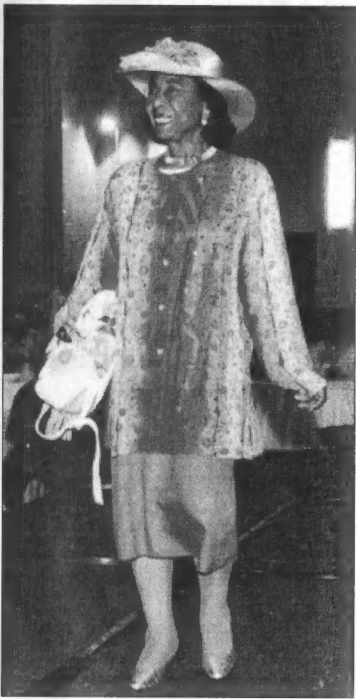
All photos by Lloyd Holmes



Top: Table 57 at the Robert Treat Hotel represents a small group of the close to 1000 seniors who turned out for this annual event. Bottom: Event founder former Councilman George Branch with Councilwoman At-Large Bessie Walker.



Winners of the 'Fashion Extravaganza' vogue for a pose at what has turned out to be a notable event on many calendars



Julia Hood, looks absolutely fabulous in a matching two piece orange sunshine outfit brightened with fuchsia. And is she not working the hat! You go girl looking good.



Bessie MacDonald, the first place winner as "Senior Mayor of the Day" is escorted by Tyrone Tuft.



Beauford Brian gets his best strut on in a fashionably coordinated white suit with matching red shirt, and shoes.

Collectors tip their hats to different moods

By Sandra Sutton

MIDLAND, Mich. (AP) — When Debra Warner was a girl, she received a new outfit each Easter, from straw hats with silk roses to wide-brimmed numbers guaranteed to turn heads.

Warner leans toward romantic hats — the ones with lace and feathers and flowers.

"Sometimes it seems like I lived in another era and I'm misplaced in this time," she said.

Claudia Wallin has been collecting hats for about 15 years. "I've been out of style for a long time," she joked. Her collection includes pillboxes and clothes, and one that looks like Wallin took a

trip through time, landed in the 1920s and returned with a hat.

"I wear a lot of suits. Most of these are hats that I can wear with suits," the Midland woman said.

Wallin works in community relations at the Midland Cogeneration Venture, "a position that allows me to get a little creative" with attire, she said.

Do I buy dresses to go with hats? Not necessarily. Do I buy hats to go with dresses? Not necessarily. If I see a hat I like, I get it, Wallin said.

The hats have to fit into her budget.

"The most expensive hat I have is the hat I wish I'd never purchased," she said.

"I've worn it once."

Wallin believes her hat collection stems from her mother's love of hats.

"My mom used to wear hats all the time when she went to church, whenever she went out. She asked me about six years ago, 'Where did you

get this hat fetish?' And I just looked at her and laughed," Wallin said.

Collectors have a story behind every find, and hat collectors are no different.

"All of a sudden I saw this hat and it was calling to me. I had to have it," Warner said as she touched a hat with fuchsia feathers framing a black felt crown. It's not hard to imagine Audrey Hepburn topping off a little black dress with this hat.

Warner, who considered a career as a milliner, has created a few of the hats in her collection. Yvonne LaFleur, a professional milliner in New Orleans, has made several hats especially for Warner.

"She gathers vintage lace and embellishments for hats. When she finds what she needs, she just gets scads of it," Warner said of LaFleur.

Not surprisingly, Warner's favorite hat is a LaFleur creation. The wide-brimmed hat is decorated with antique English lace and cream-colored embellishments.

Warner goes to estate sales and buys old hats, not necessarily for the hats but for the embellishments — the antique lace, the colorful feathers, the polka-dot netting. Warner prefers these old materials to the new embellishments that are available.

"You see, you can't buy that type now, it's very hard," she said of the antique decorations.

For comparison's sake, Warner presented a new cluster of stiff, red silk flowers on a bright green stem and an old bunch of blue velvet pansies, soft and faded and, no doubt, handmade.

"Aren't these beautiful?" she said before picking out another antique clump of flowers, these in beige and more like buds than blooms.

"Oh, look at these!" These tidbits of the past are stored in a box — awaiting hats yet undecided. Many people say they don't like hats because they are

often the demise of a hairdo. Wallin said she also has that problem.

"Yeah, but I just go like this," she said as she ran her fingers through her hair from forehead to crown, letting the hair fall where it might. "I really don't care because I really like the hats."

Warner said more women are turning to hats to complement their clothing.

"I think some women are feeling more confident with their individuality. They're realizing that a hat can make an outfit," Warner said.

"There are some suits or dresses that just are screaming for a hat to top it off. It can make or break an ensemble."

Wallin said attitude is important when wearing a hat.

"I wouldn't wear them if I didn't feel comfortable in them," she said. "They make me feel great. They make me happy."



Geneva Foreman sports her collector's item Easter hat. File photo

Home safe home

by Richard H. Middleton, Jr.

Planning for the birth of a baby is both exciting and challenging.

But considering the collection of products on the market that promise to make Moms' and Dads' lives easier, it is easy to see how parents-to-be can start to feel overwhelmed. However, with some advanced planning, parents can take some of the worry out of bringing a baby into their home.

Parents are often surprised by the speed with which their little one can crawl across a room, grabbing, poking, and tasting things along the way. The web site BabyNeeds.com suggests that adults get down on all fours and look around "from the baby's point of view." You'll likely spot table edges, cords, outlets, knobs and other objects that, from an adult's vantage point, had appeared harmless. Here are other

Place covers on unused electrical outlets.
Install cabinet locks.
Keep doors closed to prevent roaming.
Place special covers over door handles to prevent children from opening them.
Tape a baby gate at the top and bottom of stairs.
Tie up all cords — electrical, blinds, telephone, speaker wires — anything that might present an entanglement/tripping hazard.
Place grip stickers or non-skid mats in the bath tub.
Remove contact knobs from the stove.
Latch all toilets to prevent drowning.
Lock up all poison items like cleaners.
Plan down your water heater temperature to about 110 to lessen the possibility of injury, should your child turn on a hot water faucet.

BabyNeeds.com tips:

One of the focal points of a home with a new baby is the nursery. In choosing a crib, you cannot be too careful. Be wary of older or antique cribs. These items may have design flaws that make them dangerous for infants. They may have corner posts which could catch on a baby's clothing and result in strangulation.

Cribs manufactured after 1974 must meet certain safety standards that mandate the spacing of slats (no more than 2 3/8 inches apart), the height of corner posts (no more than 1/16 of an inch higher than the crib's end panels), head and footboard design (no cut-out areas that may trap baby's head), and the height of crib sides (in their raised position, the top rails should be at least 26 inches above the top of the mattress support at its lowest position).

Earlier this year the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) promoted its campaign to stop unsafe bedding for babies. The agency announced that seven retailers — Babies "R" Us, IKEA, JCPenney, Kmart, Lands' End, Sears and Target — would no longer show crib displays with pillows, quilts and comforters. Cribs made up with these items encourage parents to buy them, but these items can easily suffocate young children. The CPSC, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development recommend that babies be placed on their backs in cribs with a tight-fitting mattress without any pillow, quilt, comforter, sheepskin, fluffy toy or soft product.

Many resources are ready to help you learn, stay informed, and make sound decisions that will help keep your baby safe. For additional crib safety and baby-proofing tips, visit the Danny Foundation at www.dannyfoundation.org and the National Safety Council at www.nsc.org.

Moving? Don't forget to check your insurance

FLORHAM PARK — If you're moving or buying a new home, you've got a big job ahead of you. You may be shopping for a mortgage, interviewing movers, or cleaning out your house or apartment. With all the things you and your family need to do, don't forget to consider the "insurance" issues associated with relocating, says the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park.

"Most people use a professional to move their household belongings not only to minimize inconvenience but the risks of damage," said Steve Hnath, CPCU, the Club's vice president of insurance services. "But, if you opt to move yourself, check with your insurance agent or carrier to determine if the truck you rent is covered."

"Most personal auto policies will provide some protection, but it's best to check in advance."

And what about damage? If you drop that expensive piece of furniture while taking it out of the truck, or if you get into

an accident and your items are damaged or destroyed, will your homeowner's policy cover it?

"Most policies will provide coverage for certain types of loss to your items while they're in transit," said Hnath. "But, not breakage." Again, he recommends consulting with your agent. And be sure to let him know if your moving plans include storing your possessions before moving into your new home.

A new home may also create additional insurance exposures and costs for your family. The age of the home, an in-ground oil tank or an outdated electrical system can affect your premiums.

Hnath recommends not waiting to the last minute to obtain homeowner's insurance. "Most banks require proof of insurance, and a receipt that the premium was paid in full, well in advance of the closing. Waiting to the last minute could put your closing in jeopardy."

Fannie Mae announces 5-50 streamline mortgage

WASHINGTON — Fannie Mae (FMNYSSE) — Fannie Mae, the nation's largest provider of financing for home mortgages and multifamily housing, recently announced a new mortgage product that reduces the cost and time to finance small multifamily properties of five to fifty apartment units. These properties account for almost one-third of the total multifamily market. The 5-50S/M Streamline Mortgage will be available to borrowers through Fannie Mae's Delegated Underwriting and Servicing (DUS) lender network.

"New technology and new risk management tools now enable us to bring low-cost financing execution in the secondary market to this important segment of the multifamily market," said Marianne Sullivan, Fannie Mae's vice president of multifamily business strategy. "We see a great business opportunity both to increase our origination volume and to fulfill our mission of providing safe, affordable rental housing for all Americans."

The new 5-50S/M

Improving finances in the new millennium

By Karen Enle, RD

Not only is another new year well underway, but a new millennium as well. If ever there was an incentive to get your financial act together, "this is it." Below are ten suggestions to improve your finances during the year ahead:

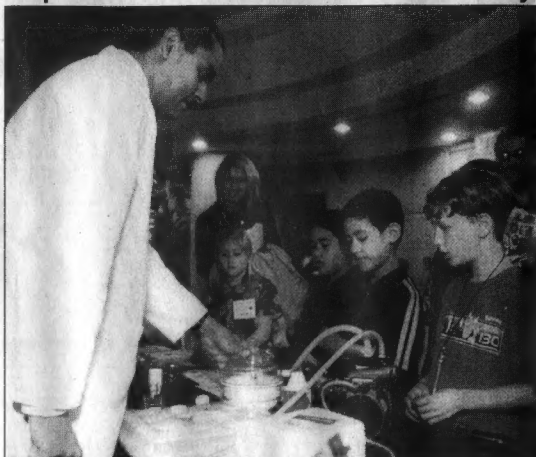
1. **Pay Yourself First** — This means treating savings with the same priority as your mortgage, rent, or car loan payment. The easiest way to "pay yourself first" is to have your savings deducted automatically through an employer savings plan — a 401(k) or automatic stock or mutual fund purchase plan.
2. **Keep Good Financial Records** — Prepare a file folder for each stock or mutual fund that you own. Save the annual summary statements to help calculate your capital gain or loss when shares are sold. Reconcile your bank checking account statement monthly.
3. **Insure Against Large Financial Risks** — Review your insurance coverage periodically. Family needs change over time, such as the reduced need to protect young children who are no longer dependents (life insurance) or retirees who are no longer employed (disability insurance). Be sure to cover "hidden" risks, such as liability, disability, and loss of a breadwinner's income.
4. **Invest for Long Term Growth** — History tells us that you'll earn a higher return in stocks, or growth mutual funds that invest in stock, over ten years or more than any other asset class (e.g., bonds, cash). For less than you earn, and use the difference to reduce debt and/or save for future financial goals. Try tracking your spending for a month to see where your money goes (forms are available from Rutgers Cooperative Extension). Then identify expenses that can be painlessly reduced (e.g. eating

out six times per month instead of ten).

6. **Borrow Smart** — Shop at least three lenders before applying for a loan or credit. Compare the annual percentage rate (APR), various fees (e.g. late fee), and other loan features. Transfer existing credit cards to a lower-rate creditor or ask an existing creditor for a reduced rate. Always repay the amount owed quickly (reduce pay more than the minimum payment) to reduce interest charges.
7. **Set Specific Financial Goals** — Determine what you want, when you want it, and how much it costs (e.g., a new car in 2003 with an \$8,000 cash down payment). Once your goal is specific, you can then divide the time frame into the dollar amount to see what you need to save.
8. **Calculate Your Retirement Savings** — Retirement calculations are tricky because you need to account for factors such as life expectancy, anticipated sources of income (e.g., Social Security), and the future value of existing savings (e.g., IRAs). Two helpful resources are the Retirement Extension fact sheet ("How Much Do Need to Save for Retirement?") and the "Ballpark Estimate" calculator on the Web site www.asec.org.
9. **Get Educated** — Take some time to learn about personal finance. Some suggested learning methods are to take a course, read books or magazines, watch CNBC, or consult a financial adviser. For the names of certified financial planners in your area, call (800) 282-PLAN.
10. **Think Positive** — When facing financial, as well as health challenges, having a positive attitude is important. You can give up and say "I'll never save enough money" or you can resolve to take action to improve your life. People who think positive generally experience greater success than "negative naysayers" because they believe that there's a connection between what they do today and what will happen in the future.

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Novartis runs kid's lab demonstration as part of Take Our Children to Work Day



Bill Haxton, Senior Scientist at Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation's Research Labs in Summit, NJ, creates an interesting connection at the Kid's Labs on Take Our Children to Work Day. photo courtesy of Novartis Pharmaceuticals

SUMMIT — Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation recently participated in the national observance of Take Our Children to Work Day at its headquarters in East Hanover, Summit, and Suffern, N.Y. The event was designed to acquaint the children with the company's business and philosophies, as well as their parents' contribution to the overall organization. A large variety of activities were offered for the 800 children who attended. Included were an opening address about

The children also had an opportunity to participate in some volunteer activities to help local nonprofit community agencies.

careers in the pharmaceutical industry, a career develop-

ment workshop, a tour of the corporate health and electronics publishing area, science experiments at the Kids' Labs, and free lunch at the company cafeteria.

Since Novartis Pharmaceuticals also combines Take Our Children to Work Day with its annual day of service, Community Partnership Day, the children also had an opportunity to participate in some volunteer activities to help local nonprofit community agencies.

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NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's Hospital hosts a bereavement support group at 4 p.m. For further information, call (732) 745-8600, ext. 8820

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Race, insurance may affect heart procedure

By Lindsey Tanner

CHICAGO (AP) — Doctors' decisions about whether to use a common heart-monitoring procedure might be based in part on race and insurance status.

White patients were about 60 percent more likely to undergo pulmonary artery catheterization than blacks, according to a study led by health economist John Rapoport of Mount Holyoke College. The study also found that those with private insurance were more likely to undergo the procedure than patients with other types of insurance.

The findings, based on data from 10,217 patients hospitalized nationwide in 1998, suggest that a patient's condition isn't the only factor involved in determining whether the procedure is used.

The findings appear in a recent Journal of the American Medical Association.

Catheterization helps doctors monitor vital signs in critically ill patients and provides information that determines treatment.

The procedure involves inserting a balloon-tipped catheter into a vein near the neck or groin and guiding it through the heart into lung vessels. It may remain there for days.

Previous research found a higher death rate among patients who underwent the procedure. Some theorize that the insertion of a foreign object deep into the body could make patients prone to deadly infection. Patients who underwent the procedure also incurred higher costs and longer hospital stays.

University Hospital Auxiliary donates ambulance for EMS



Pictured at the rededication are: Mr. Charles Austin, (right), Auxiliary President, handing the key to the ambulance to Don L. Marcantonio, (left) Acting Vice President and CEO of University Hospital. photo courtesy of UMDNJ

Newark — The Auxiliary of University Hospital recently donated \$75,000 to University Hospital Emergency Medical Services to refurbish an ambulance. The newly equipped ambulance will help University Hospital EMS personnel continue to provide state-of-

University Hospital EMS is the busiest EMS service in the state, and one of the busiest in the nation

the-art care to the citizens of Newark, East Orange and Orange University Hospital EMS is the busiest EMS service in the state, and one of the busiest in the nation, with more than 125,000 emergency responses each year

Questions men should ask about prostate cancer treatments

ROCHESTER, Minn. — Prostate disease is one of the most common health problems men face, and prostate cancer is among the most feared. But there is no need to live in fear. If caught early, prostate cancer often can be successfully treated. Improved surgical techniques are reducing the risks of impotence and incontinence.

Finding out that you have cancer can lead to panic. You may feel as if you need to make an instant decision and begin treatment right away. However, because prostate cancer is often a slow-growing cancer, there's generally no need to rush.

Take a little time to gather

some information and consider treatment options. Perhaps make a visit to the library or check out well-respected sources on the Internet, such as the American Cancer Society, American Urological Association or Mayo Clinic Health Oasis, www.mayoclinic.org. If

treatments, such as surgery followed by radiation. Which treatment will work best will depend on several factors, such as how fast the cancer is growing, how much it has spread, your age and your health, as well as the benefits and potential side effects of the treat-

ment.

"Mayo Clinic on Prostate Health" can help you identify and understand prostate problems and make well-informed decisions on how to treat them. The book is available in most bookstores for \$14.95 or by calling (800) 291-1128, and men-

tion order code 714

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How fast will the cancer grow if left untreated?

Do you think the cancer can be cured with treatments? If so, what are the chances?

Which treatment would you recommend and why?

How many times have you performed this procedure?

How soon before we know if the treatment has worked?

you have questions after reading about the condition, write them down and take them to your next doctor appointment.

The booklet "Mayo Clinic on Prostate Health" identifies the following questions for men to discuss with their doctor.

What options are available to me?

How fast will the cancer grow if left untreated?

Do you think the cancer can be cured with treatments? If so, what are the chances?

Which treatment would you recommend and why?

How many times have you performed this procedure?

How soon before we know if the treatment has worked?

What are the risks of lasting side effects, such as impotence or incontinence?

How soon will I be able to return to work?

Will I have to restrict any activities?

If the treatment doesn't work, do I have another option?

It may be helpful to take a family member or friend along to your next appointment. He or she can help remember important questions to ask.

That person also can listen intently and help recall the discussion afterward, including important points made.

Often there is more than one way to treat prostate cancer, including a combination of treatments.

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Pathmark Multicultural Arts Festival 2000 to kick off at Liberty State Park



JERSEY CITY — The Seventh Principle's extraordinary sounds and dance of tribal Africa and the famous flute-like music of Salsa great, El Canario, open New Jersey events in the 11th annual Pathmark Multicultural Arts Festival Performances are Thursday, June 8 through Saturday, June 10 in Jersey City's Newport Centre. On Sunday, June 11, the celebration moves to join the 26th Annual Cultural Arts Festival in Liberty State Park, before going on to Paterson, Newark and Perth Amboy.

Thursday and Friday Festival events, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., are dedicated to younger Jersey City audiences and programs that are full of the excitement children love. There are even fire eaters when Thursday's program honors West African cultures in performances by The

Seventh Principle. This talented troupe delighted audiences last year and is back to demonstrate more tribal calls, dances and music. Alternating on the program are selected school performers, and host for the day is the actress, Delissa Reynolds. Special support comes from Kraft. Friday welcomes back everyone's favorite Caribbean all-female, Rumbal dance and percussion company. The drummers and dancers of Rumbal get everyone up and dancing too.

Families come out together on Saturday from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., celebrating Hispanic heritage, passing on traditions, thrilling to Latin talents and enjoying the samples, gifts, prizes, food, and all the fun that abound. Headlining the day is one of tropical music's greatest

stars Jose Alberto El Canario, with his band Jose's beautiful flute-like voice thrills audiences all over the world. Also on the schedule for Saturday afternoon is Julio Antonio Y Bu Conjunto Moderno with another unique Salsa sound. Nestle is sponsor of the Saturday Festival event. Performances take place in the lot between J. C. Penney's and Fiske's at Newport Centre. On Sunday, from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m., the Pathmark Festival moves on to join forces with the 26th Annual Jersey City Cultural Arts Festival held in Liberty State Park.

For information about specific performances and performers, call toll free 1-888-486-4656 or email to artsforb@nlp.com or check "Events" in the Pathmark Website at www.Pathmark.com

Angie Stone: a 'Black Diamond' in the Rough

By Handi El-Bashir

(NNPA) — With the release of her solo debut album "Black Diamond," which was in the Top 20 of Billboard's R&B chart for four consecutive weeks, singer-songwriter Angie Stone has the opportunity to glimmer in her own light. She has established herself as the hottest new component of "nouveau soul," a movement that couples the gospel and blues influences of old school R&B with the modern sounds of hip-hop.

With her raspy, sultry voice, Stone has inspired comparisons to such legendary artists as Gladys Knight and Chaka Khan, as well as leading soul-stresses Lauryn Hill and Erykah Badu for her mix of spirituality and social awareness. "Black Diamond" has received rave reviews from major music magazines. Each mature track breathes both pain and happiness through song to reveal the complexities of love.

The 30-something singer



Angie Stone Photo courtesy of NNPA

does a terrific job of giving props to her predecessors, such as Marvin Gaye, with her cover of Gaye's "Trouble Man," in which she craftily transforms his male confession of wrongdoing into a

woman's anthem of warning to other women. Her single currently blowing up the radio airwaves, "No More Rain in This Cloud," which begins sounding deceptively like Gladys Knight's "Neither One of Us," symbolizes a victory march for all women and relationships. Stone melodically exercises the woes of her past, reflecting on better days to come as she energetically croons "My Sunshine has come." Her fifth track, "Coulda Been You," serves up a smooth, bluesy tune and is destined for the repeat button. In her bonus track, "Heaven Help" she does a remake of Lenny Kravitz's love plea with a classical soul touch.

Stone recently performed on NBC's "Tonight Show with Jay Leno." Other recent TV appearances include CNN's "Showbiz Today," the syndicated "Donny & Marie," and NBC's "Later Today." Earlier this month she wrapped up a twelve-city tour, from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C.

Music producer Teddy Riley sues former band member

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Rhythm-and-blues producer Teddy Riley, who led the Grammy-winning group Blackstreet, has sued a former band member for slander.

The lawsuit, filed Friday in Virginia Beach Circuit Court, claims former Blackstreet member Chauncey Hannibal defamed Riley by accusing the producer of stealing from him on MTV and five East Coast radio stations.

Riley, of Virginia Beach, said Hannibal defamed him on radio stations in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond and Virginia

Beach in April and May. Hannibal played a rap song called "Shame on You" that accuses Riley of stealing from him, the lawsuit says.

"The lyrics ... imply that Riley is an unethical and dishonest person, that he engages in unethical and underhanded business practices," the lawsuit says. Riley seeks \$2 million from Hannibal, also of Virginia Beach, who goes by the stage name Chauncey Black. He also is seeking a court injunction to stop Hannibal from playing "Shame on You" and making further accusations.

Hannibal told The Virgin-

ian-Pilot that he never

defamed Riley with the song. "I never said his name in that song," Hannibal said. "If you want to take it like that, OK. The truth hurts. But I never said his name."

Blackstreet, formed in 1993, won a Grammy in 1997 for best R&B performance by a duo or group with vocal. The band broke up last year. Riley has worked with Michael and Janet Jackson and is considered one of the most successful R&B producers of the past two decades.

A hearing in the lawsuit is scheduled for Friday.

N'Dambi : No Longer Watching Erykah Badu's Back

By Monica K. Lee

(NNPA) — Backup singers are often over looked until given an opportunity to stand center stage and shine in the spotlight. No one is shining brighter than N'Dambi (pronounced nah dam bee) who is spreading her creative wings and looking to carve her own musical path in a industry that stifles the creativity of so many talented artists.

The artist now again known as Prince has just been released from an 18-year contract with Warner Bros Records, a deal that enslaved him for many years. He is a musical genius who has demonstrated he was a talented singer, songwriter, musician and producer, and WBR still placed restrictions on him and censored his music.

N'Dambi witnessed firsthand the 'tag-o-war' artist experience with record companies and realized that a major label would prevent her from staying true to her art form.

"Sometimes you have to fight for it and [I] do not want to have to do that because it is my art and I do not know that anybody can tell me how to interpret my art better than me," she said. Therefore, she started her own independent label, Cheeky-I Productions, named for her father who she remembers as having "a cheeky eyed smile. When he smiled."

Her first and only solo project to date, Little Lost Girl Blues, was released in 1998.

N'Dambi (a Hawaiian name for beautiful) was born Chene Gilbert 30 years ago to a minister and his missionary wife, and blames her rigid upbringing for her soulful sound.

"I grew up in a really staunch religious home," she recalled. "I was forced to go to church everyday and when I began walking my parents enlisted me in the youth choir."

Where she would mimic

all the women on the mother's board and the deacons. I would mimic their sound because it sounded more like an instrument to me."

She learned to use her voice as an instrument, learned to play the piano when she was five, learned to play the clarinet when she was eight, and became a member of the advanced piano and jazz band in junior high.

N'Dambi gives much credit to her late father, who passed away in 1998, for



N'Dambi

Photo courtesy of NNPA

coaching her talent and exposing her to country western and gospel. "He was such a wonderful singer. I like the way he sang and I wanted to sing like that . . . he would say, 'You need to copy Aretha Franklin or somebody, get some soul, get that gut in there, girl'."

But it was her mother, herself an ordained minister now, who encouraged her to study business at a magnet school that had accepted her into the arts program. If it were not for her business background and seeing firsthand what some artists have endured with record executives for creative freedom. She might not have been so inclined to start Cheeky-I productions with Odie Johnson Sr., a Dallas, Texas businessman who also serves as her manager.

The church has been the catalyst behind the soulful sounds of so many female vocalists who are generally

lumped together and are often compared to one another just because their voices were nurtured in the church choir. However, when it comes to singing the blues with passion and betting out seats that take you back to the days when synthesizers did not enhance a singer's voice.

It is unfair to compare the authentic blues sound of N'Dambi to Macy Gray, Angie Stone, Sarah Vaughan, Mc'Shell Ndegeocello, Cassandra Wilson and Erika Badu—all of whom have very distinguished voices. But when it comes to singing with emotions—no one does it better than N'Dambi.

"Deep" is a sultry jazz song that makes some people think that N'Dambi should be categorized as a jazz singer. But "Rain" has hip hop flavor, which speaks to her versatility as an artist. Little Lost Girl Blues should be categorized as an intimate album that makes you feel good.

She is a songbird who is soaring through the wind and letting the music flow from within. She takes a relaxed mind on a spiritual journey. N'Dambi is committed to giving her fans all that she has got to give.

"I will roll on the ground if that is what it takes to get the song out, if I have to pull my hair out, whatever it takes. . . I don't care about getting ugly; I don't care about tearing up my clothes because when music makes me feel like that—however, I dance [and] it just comes out. I do not control it. I just let the music take me."

And it will literally lift your soul and take you to a faraway place. Her counterparts are incapable of reaching, each song is like turning a page of a well-written short story.

She admits that, as a child, she enjoyed stretching her imagination. "I like to tell stories and I use to make my world look better to me by telling those stories and from then I just continued to

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1921 Tulsa riot victims remembered

By Rob Williams

The Tulsa Lynching of 1921: A Hidden Story (Cine-max, premieres May 31 at 6:30 p.m. EST): This one hour documentary shows the graphic tale of one of the worst assaults on blacks in American history. The riot started when a black man wanted to use a bathroom in a building. He was told to go to the top floor, and when he entered the elevator, it was uneven with the floor. This caused him to trip and grab the arm of the white elevator operator, which saved him from going down the shaft, but sparked the riot. The woman claimed rape, he was thrown in jail, and with the help of libelous articles and editorials calling for a lynching, the whites soon crowded the jail for a lynching. Blacks in the town decided to rally together to prevent a lynching, but without success. By the next day, airplanes were dropping turpentine bombs on houses, looting and burning down houses, lynching blacks in trees and telephone poles, and dragging dead bodies tied to the back of car bumpers through the streets.

Through all the chaos, the event was well documented, through filmed events and pictures that were later used as postcards. This was a tragic event and the documentary "This was a tragic event and the documentary shows one of the most graphic assaults on blacks in America."

shows one of the most graphic assaults on blacks in America, and is a moving and reviling saga that every American needs to see. Through the graphic pictures and film, the viewing experience is also enhanced by interviews with survivors of the event, both black and white, and experts on the subject. Although this program is not for the weak-hearted, this is a must-see documentary that will help Americans both black and white see the hidden story of American History.

By Kam Williams

Just one year after Will Smith's horrid Wild Wild West practically buried the genre, the comic western is back, alive and kicking, with the hilariously offensive Shanghai Noon. It's title may be a play on High Noon (1952), the classic western (which netted Gary Cooper an Oscar), but his inspiration is obviously Blazing Saddles (1975). Mel Brooks' irreverent send-up of the Old West. Kudos to recent film school grad Ten Dey, who makes his directorial debut here.

In a plot reminiscent of his recent hit Rush Hour, Jackie Chan (Rumble in the Bronx) once again plays a bodyguard sent to America to rescue the boss' kidnapped daughter. But this time, because we're back in time, the boss is the Emperor and his daughter (Lucy Liu of TV's Ally McBeal) a princess.

And as Imperial Guard Chon Wang (pronounced John Wayne) Jackie first beats up then buddies up with bumbling, bungling train robber Roy O'Bannon (Owen Wilson of The Hunting). Obviously, it was Mr. Wilson's job to fill the shoes, or should I say the mouth, of Chris Tucker. Mr. Chan's brazen, trash-talking paragon in Rush Hour. And that's a pretty big mouth to fill.

Wilson until now was better known as a scriptwriter (Rush-

more) and as the brother of actors Luke (Blue Streak) and Andrew (Never Been Kissed) than as an actor in his own right. But, here, the talented writer exhibits remarkable talent as a funnyman, delivering a breakthrough performance as sidekick Roy. Wilson's Roy is inscrutably complex, an alternately flip, frenzied, fearless and philosophical cypriote with not very much to live or die for.

And Jackie Chan, with back-to-back blockbusters, proves himself no flake, but a matinee idol with, as the French say, that certain "I don't know what." What I do know is that the laugh-a-minute Shanghai Noon gallops off at breakneck speed and dares you to keep up. Mr. Chan, who always does his own stunts, once again has you holding your breath at an array of elegantly choreographed escapades.

In one scene, for instance, Chan must maintain his balance by skipping across a pile of logs disappearing beneath him as they tumble, one-by-one, off a moving train. His fancy footwork betrays years of training at the Peking Opera School where Chan studied acrobatics and gymnastics in addition to singing and dramatics. Chan's charm is in the subtle matter-of-factness which accompanies his death-defying deeds.

I must warn you that Shanghai Noon is also a relentlessly socially-unconscious flick, poking

fun at group after group. How else could it match up to the inanity of Blazing Saddles? Let's see Indians ("How, Kimsobee"), Mexicans (big sombrero with bad teeth), Asians (Princess Pee Pee), whites, women, animals and even Jews take it on the chin. But none of the humor is mean-spirited, and most of it is funny, even though exploiting discarded stereotypes.

The plot, less material than the jokes or the stunt work, sends Imperial Guard Chon Wang to America (though filmed in Canada) in search of the Emperor's daughter. Along the way, Chon has a series of mis-encounters with wild Indians, saloon drunkards, evil exploiters, well-meaning lawmen and outlaws wanted dead-or-alive which invariably eventuate in his reluctant employment of chop-choy techniques against the befuddled bad guys, a la TV's Kung Fu.

Get a grip on the reins and hold onto your ten-gallon hat for a rollicking ride through a wilder West than we've ever seen before!

Excellent



Rated PG-13 for silly ethnic humor and sillier slapstick violence.



Roy O'Bannon (Owen Wilson, left) and Imperial Guard Chon Wang (Jackie Chan, right) in "Shanghai Noon." Photo by Jonathan Wark

BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE

Cop Martin Lawrence, undercover as roly-poly Georgia grandmama, secretly longs for Nia Long while protecting her from an escaped convict. Another 'fat' is funny film.

GRASS

Hemp advocate Woody Harrelson (White Men Can't Jump) proves white men can inhale, narrating film documenting the evolution of Marijuana in America from the demon weed of propaganda flick Reefer Madness to '90s counter-culture love drug to prescribed pain-killer to selective decriminalization to Cheech and Chong bong. Far out, flatliner!

LOVING JEZEBEL, HATING JUDAS

BET (Black Entertainment Television) becomes BEM with the release of its first film, morality play about a charming cheater who seduces his home-boy's girlfriends. Stars Hill Harper (He Got Game) Andre Blake (Boomerang) and Phylicia Ayres-Allen (Rashad (TV's Clair Huxtable on Cosby).

ON THE RUN

This week analyze this-ripoff with punchlines you can't refuse. Is it okay not to find stereotype of Italian as mobsters funny anymore? Another law-abider gets dragged into underworld imbroglio. Comedy with NYC locales features Michael Imper-

oli, John Ventimiglia and Sharon Angela of HBO's The Sopranos and Drena DeNiro (Robert's Daughter). Arrivederci, cement shoes.

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CityLife

Newark girls learn about life in the workplace



From left to right: Chante Metteaux, 13, Bragaw Ave. School, Regina Burris, 13, Maple Ave. School, Linda Cimino, Graphic Artist, Kean University, Kia Adams, 8th grade, Bragaw Ave. School, Shay-La Graham, 14, Peshine Ave. School, Shazadees Torry, 8th grade, Peshine Ave. School.

UNION, NJ — The Women's Fund of New Jersey and the Union Township Chamber of Commerce brought 20 girls from the Newark school system to Union to learn about several different workplaces on Thursday, April 27, 2000. The Women's Fund coordinated Take Our Daughters to Work Day with teachers in the Newark Public Schools. The 11 to 13 year old girls learned about what it's like to work at both the Women's Fund and the Chamber of Commerce and visited Kean University to learn about a variety of careers there. The Women's Fund is

also the Take Our Daughters to Work Day statewide contact organization.

"Take Our Daughters to Work Day gives girls the opportunity to see a variety of job opportunities that are available to them. And the special attention they get gives them the inspiration to follow their dreams into whatever career they may choose," said Myra Terry, Executive Director of the Women's Fund of New Jersey.

A highlight of the day was an art project in which the girls depicted a possible future career. Karen Stevens, Jalessa Daily, and Aleisha Chiles, all fifth graders at Madison

Avenue School, depicted life as a doctor, a nurse, and a basketball player. Other girls drew business owners, graphic designers, and judges.

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Research shows that girls approach their teen years with confidence and enthusiasm. At

adolescence girls experience some disturbing and unhealthy changes. Adolescent girls tend to have lower expectations for their future than boys do. They

'Take Our Daughters to Work enables girls to see that women have a range of life options.'

suffer a greater loss of self-esteem than boys.

During their teen years, girls begin to measure their self-worth by their physical appearance, while boys value themselves by their abilities. Girls also tend to receive less attention than boys in school and extracurricular activities. This has a direct impact on levels of academic achievement.

Take Our Daughters to Work Day enables girls to see that women have a range of life options. They are given reasons to believe in their education and to stay in school. Girls receive the extra support they need to believe in themselves.

They are encouraged for what they can do with their lives rather than how they look.

The Women's Fund of New Jersey is a nonprofit organization that raises and distributes money to member groups primarily through payroll deduction campaigns. The Women's Fund was created from the desire to give member organizations the proper financial support to continue to provide programs and services to sustain local communities.

Transportation for the day was donated by Almost New Rentals in Union, New Jersey.



Pictured from left to right: Karen Stevens, 11, Madison Ave. School, Jalessa Daily, 10, Madison Ave. School and Aleisha Chiles, 5th grade, Madison Ave. School.

Money 'baggage' and personalities ... affecting your spending and saving decisions



Financial decisions, such as spending and saving, are not just the result of having a certain amount of income. On the contrary, they are largely driven by people's feelings about money and childhood experiences and influences. "Emotional" factors, such as a person's "money personality," can have as much of an influence, or more, than "financial" factors such as an amount or type of assets and income.

Susan Zimmerman author of *The Money Keweenaw*, likens a person's financial belief system to an iceberg. Just as the crew of the Titanic could see only the tip of the iceberg with which it collided, only part of the root causes people's "money behavior" to be visible. In other words, you may need to "dig deep" to find out what really causes people to spend or save money.

Children develop beliefs about money through their family or origin from the U.S. culture at large (e.g., advertisements). They may title the same manner their parents did. Even if a child's money behavior is the exact opposite of their parents (e.g. disorganized parents and organized child), the parents still had an influence.

To understand some of the influences on your money beliefs, answer the following questions:

How did the people who raised you handle money?

Do you have any specific childhood memories about money that stand out?

How were family conflicts about money resolved?

In what ways is your money management style the same or

'you may need to "dig deep" to find out what really causes people to spend or save money'

different than family members?

What commercials or advertisements do you recall as being most influential?

Zimmerman classifies people into eight distinct belief systems ranging from "super

'emotional aspects of spending and saving money are often extremely complicated'

spenders" to "super savers." People often have "pieces" of several money personalities but usually one dominant style that drives their financial behavior.

The eight money styles are as follows:

People who make flashy purchases to impress other (i.e., "image" spenders).

People who make rash and impulsive financial decisions and late planning and budgets.

People with conflicting money beliefs who procrastinate so as not to have to make decisions.

People who are "too busy" and avoid all types of financial activities (e.g., balancing check-book).

People who live a very modest lifestyle and display their virtue by rejecting luxuries.

People who feel helpless, fearful, or insecure about money and worry a lot about their finances.

People who are security conscious and save steadily in slow-growth cash assets.

People who invest steadily and "assume risks" to potentially achieve a high rate of return.

Once a person understands the origins of his or her money beliefs and dominant personality traits, it is often easier to change future behavior (e.g., increase savings). Another driving force that is important to understand is a person's "money baggage," which are feelings and beliefs, however false or irrational, which affect financial behavior. One example of "financial baggage" is that some people believe that their bank account or "name brand" possessions determine their self-worth.

In summary, emotional aspects of spending and saving money are often extremely complicated.

They are also very essential to getting your financial house in order. What is your dominant money personality, childhood money influences, and "financial baggage"? Insights into these emotional aspects of money can be a very important resource for taking charge of your financial future.

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Motivation: Thoughts For Success

By Herbert Harris
(Author of *The Golden 12: Universal Rules for Achieving Success*)

THE SEVENTH UNIVERSAL RULE FOR SUCCESS IS THE RULE OF ACTION

This rule governs the manner or method of performing our activities of life. It is the methodology by which the principles of success are actually implemented on a day-to-day, moment-to-moment basis. The rule of action encompasses your behavior, conduct, habits and method of operation. It is the operating process by which your thoughts and feelings become the things and experiences of your life.

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves," (James 1:22)

All that is written in my book, as well as in all other instruments of enlightenment, are absolutely worthless unless you put these ideas and principles into action.

ACTION PLANNING FOR YOUR SUCCESS

The goals you set for yourself should represent your vision and your deep desires in life. Whether you realize your vision depends on your ability to systematically and consistently attain your underlying goals.

The most important element in attaining your goals is the formation and execution of definite, practical plans which work. A success plan is an organized course of action that allows you to produce desired results. The desired result to be produced is the attainment of your goals and the realization of your vision.

Producing results reflects your ability to organize your time, plan your work, and work your plan. To construct a great skyscraper requires an accurate blueprint that, diligently followed by the builders. This blueprint is a tangible representation of the vision of the skyscraper in the mind of the architect.

Your success plan is the

blueprint of your own vision. It is a tangible representation of the ideas and thoughts that make up your vision. If you diligently follow your success plan, you will get the desired results, attain your goals, and realize your vision. Constantly monitor the productiveness of your plan. Evaluate the productiveness of your plan on a daily basis. If your plan works, double your efforts for even greater results. Don't waste time on a plan that does not work. If your plan does not lead you on a continuous, step-by-step journey towards your goals, replace it with a new plan. If the new plan doesn't

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work either, replace it with still another plan. Continue to monitor and evaluate your plan until you find one that works for you. Give each plan sufficient opportunity to produce desired results. Pay special attention to your own efforts in executing each plan. Be sure to put in enough time and energy to give your plan a reasonable opportunity to work and produce desired results. Very often you will find that your plan is sound, but it requires more time, energy, expertise and resources to make it work. Then, it's up to you. Are you willing to increase your own commitment for your success? Or, will you look for a plan that requires a lesser commitment of time, energy, expertise and resources?

The fact is, when you increase your commitment to your goals, you are looking toward success. But, when you accept a lesser commitment, you're heading for failure.

When your commitment is high, and you're willing to give even more, and yet your plan

fails, ditch it and get a new plan. Give your best efforts to make each plan work, and don't be discouraged by temporary failure.

Most people experience failure because they are not persistent in developing new plans to replace those that do not work.

What can you do to make a success plan, and accomplish the objectives of your plan?

The Nine-Step Method To Make A Success Plan

1. Purchase a daily planner. Live by the book. Your planner should be the official daily record of your journey on the path - your success journey.

2. Write your vision, goals and target dates in your planner.

3. List the actions necessary to accomplish your goals; and when they must be performed.

4. Write out a brief, but complete, narrative statement of how you intend to achieve your goals. This is your success plan.

5. Revise, study, digest and memorize your success plan statement.

6. Start right away doing the most important things first, then proceeding to lesser important ones.

7. Develop a daily timetable showing all actions to be performed and the date they must be done.

8. Plan all actions that must be performed each day. If you fail to perform an action on the day scheduled, move it over to the next day. Merge it in with the actions to be performed that day, in accord with its priority with respect to the actions already scheduled for that day.

9. Monitor your efforts closely and evaluate your results.

10. Concentrate on your plan of action. Act on it. Follow your timetable. Don't think that on you can perform the action in your plan. Have other people do things for you. Don't spend dollar time on penny jobs. Do all of the important things first and plan to succeed. XXX

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Proposals are due at the above address in an original and three copies no later than 3:00 p.m. on June 16, 2000. Envelopes containing the proposals should be clearly marked: RFP FOR AUDITOR.

Kevin Quince
Executive Director
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Interested A/E firms are invited to contact Joseph P. Clark, Modernization Coordinator at 732-345-5157 if there are any questions on construction intent. Specifications can be obtained at the administrative offices of the Boonton Housing Authority, 125 Church Street, Boonton, NJ 07003 during regular business hours or can be mailed by calling (973) 335-0484. A bid opening will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at 1:00 PM on June 13, 2000.

Sherry L. Sime
Executive Director
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STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
L.W.
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DOB 02/19/81
GENDER: Female
L.W.
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NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: ROSILAND WHITE and the unknown biological fathers

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to terminate your parental rights and place custody of said children with the Georgia Department of Human Resources, acting through the Lowme County Department of Family and Children Services, was filed in said Court on December 30, 1998, and that by virtue of the Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on February 29, 2000, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon:

CHARLES R. REDDICK, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 515, Homerville, Georgia 31034, a copy of the Petition, within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication. A copy of the Petition is attached to this Summons or if this Summons is served by publication, a copy of the Petition can be obtained from the Clerk of the Court during business hours.

If you fail to come to Court as required, you may be held in Contempt of Court and punished accordingly.

A rule is in hearing on Motion for Discovery, Motion for Appointment of Counsel and Motion to Extend this matter is scheduled for the 23rd day of May, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse, 111 Reswell Road, Valdosta, Georgia.

The Final Hearing in this matter is scheduled for the 18th day of July, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse, 111 Reswell Road, Valdosta, Georgia.

Now, therefore, you the party named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated above and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day to month to month, year to year and time to time, as and case may be continued, and until discharged by the Court, and you are commanded to lay any and all other business aside and to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of Lowme County, Georgia, located at the Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse, 111 Reswell Road, Valdosta, Georgia, on the date and time specified in this Summons, and you the said parent, guardian or legal custodian are likewise commanded to be and appear with the above-styled child in said Court at the times and place herein stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provision of law.

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WITNESS the Honorable C. Wayne Ellerbe, Judge of Juvenile Court, on the 18 day of May, 2000.

Clark, Juvenile Court
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NJ TRANSIT PUBLIC NOTICE
NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION
FINAL FY 1998 FEDERAL FY-FUNDED PROGRAM UNDER
THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ Transit), under provisions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, gave notice on November 28, 1997 and December 15, 1997 of its intent to apply for Federal funds which were estimated to be available for the purpose of providing operating and capital assistance. NJ Transit also gave notice of its intent to apply for Federal assistance estimated to be available for transportation for senior citizens and persons with disabilities and for transportation in rural areas. A list of proposed projects was included, and an opportunity was given to obtain additional information, request a public hearing and/or for other comments on the program and NJ Transit's performance.

The final FY 1998 Federal program is provided below:

Section 5307 Formula Operating and Capital Program (in Millions of Dollars)	
Project	Federal Funds
Operating Assistance	4.29
Amtrak-NJ Transit Joint Benefit Capital Program	25.00
Rail Support Facilities Improvements	2.20
Rail Rolling Stock Overhaul	5.19
Systemwide Track Rehabilitation	7.41
Bus Rolling Stock Overhaul	9.84
Bus Rolling Stock Overhaul	7.94
Hudson Terminal/Vault Improvements	1.96
Newark Penn Station Improvements	1.96
Hamilton Transit Complex Construction	5.60
Market St. Bus Maintenance Facility Rehabilitation	1.50
Property Capital Leases	8.33
Newark City Subway Vehicle Base Facility Construction	15.90
Newark City Subway Infrastructure Improvements	3.50
Atlantic Passenger Counter System	1.06
Private Car Program Improvements	1.00
Clear Air Program - Travel Demand Management	1.00
Mass Transit Bus Equipment	6.28
Rail Infrastructure Improvements Data	6.10
Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Line Final Design/Construction	13.38
Information Services Upgrade	4.00
Rail Station High Level Platform Program - Middletown	4.30
Study and Development	0.22
Environmental Compliance Program	1.00
Total	129.68

Section 5308 Fixed Guideway Formula Program (in Millions of Dollars)	
Project	Federal Funds
Bridge/Tunnel Rehabilitation	4.40
Track Rehabilitation	4.85
Signals & Communication/Electric Traction Upgrades	22.83
Rail Support Facilities Improvements	0.70
Rail Rolling Stock Overhaul	29.40
Maintenance Equipment	3.00
Total	65.28

Section 5309 Discretionary Program (in Millions of Dollars)	
Project	Federal Funds
Seawater Transfer Construction	27.00
Purchase Alternative Fuel Buses	5.88
Hudson-Bergen Light Rail System Final Design/Construction	59.80
Total	92.68

**Other Federal Funds
(in Millions of Dollars)**

Section 5310 Transportation for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities	Federal Funds
2.69	
Section 5311 Non-Unauthorized Area Transportation Program	Federal Funds
3.15	
Section 5308 Surface Transportation Program-Newark Penn Station Improvements	Federal Funds
3.38	
Total	6.19

Jeffrey A. Wersh
Executive Director
New Jersey Transit Corporation
\$428.06

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The Housing Authority of the Board of Commissioners is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Executive Director to direct and be responsible for all aspects of operations, including but not limited to: financial management, modernization and resident services. The Authority manages 485 low income housing units and administers 608 Section 8 Vouchers. A candidate for Executive Director must have knowledge of federal, public and other housing programs, other affordable housing programs and community development. Proven program and personnel management skills required; leadership ability and a drive to give back to the community. Must have a degree in public administration, public finance, realty or similar professional employment. A masters degree in an appropriate program may substitute for two years of that experience. The Executive Director reports to a seven-member Board of Commissioners and serves as its Secretary/Treasurer. For consideration, send a letter of interest with current resume and salary requirements to Chairperson, Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East First Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060. Applications will be accepted until June 15, 2000.

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Ponder This... Michael Jordan shoots an air ball

By Greg Moore

On the basketball court, Michael Jordan often came through in clutch situations. Whether by a clutch shot, a clutch steal or a clutch rebound, when the pressure was on Jordan literally and figuratively, almost always rose to the occasion. Off the court, Jordan hasn't exactly been a choker. As a consequence of years of creative endorsement relationships and shrewd business deals, Jordan has amassed a fortune estimated at over \$300 million dollars. From all reports, as a pitcher, Jordan did not merely field a soft drink up to his face and smile broadly. Rather, Jordan was apparently intimately involved with many of the companies he shared a relationship with. Jordan was one of the first athletes to demand compensation in the form of stock options.

Washington Wizards was also one of the first athletes to secure a unique deal, and later, his fragrance has generated over \$200 million dollars.

A few months ago Jordan decided to scale back his pitcher activities, and focus more energy on his varied business interests. Shortly thereafter, the Washington Wizards announced that Jordan had purchased an interest in the franchise, and would run the team as its president of basketball operations.

Jordan, the consummate wizard, had assumed the challenge of enormous proportions. The Wizards were a down and out franchise that was loaded with a bunch of overpaid players such as Jovan Howard, Mitch Richmond, and Ike Austin (Rod Strickland is over paid in my opinion). However, if anyone could perform a miracle, surely Jordan could. Well, after a few months on the job, it appears that Jordan may have met his Kryptonite, except on earth, its commonly known as the Washington Wizards.

Last week, I predicted that Mike Jarvis would become the new Wizards head coach. As far as I was concerned, it was no brainer. Jarvis had lived in the DC area for nearly a year. He has exhibited a knack for dealing with the city's younger athletes, and most importantly, he wanted the NBA job and Jordan wanted him. So what went wrong? The answer is a poorly orchestrated negotiation.

Jordan got off to a poor start by low balling Jarvis with an opening offer of 1 million dollars a year for three years. This offer would have made Jarvis the lowest paid coach in the NBA, and Jarvis was justifiably insulted. Jordan, who himself was represented by one of the more clever NBA agents around in David Falk, should have known better.

One basic precept of any good negotiation is to always leave good will and at least appear to act in good faith. This build trust, and in turn, trust often leads to consensus or a deal. By poiseing the negotiation early on with an absurd offer, Jordan "murdered a great deal of good will from the outset, and helped create a chasm between himself and Jarvis' agent, which could not be bridged. At the end of the day, Jarvis eventually took his name out of consideration, and Jordan's image as an NBA executive was left a bit tarnished.

Since Jordan makes more money sleeping than I do in a year, I would not deign to advise him in matters of business. However, in future negotiations, Jordan must realize that he will not be able to impose his will of his adversaries, like he did against his on court opponents. If he persists, then in the near future, that sucking sound you will eventually hear in Washington, DC will be the sound of air (as in Jordan) permanently leaving the MCI Center. Until next week, peace.

NJ Golden Gloves, Union County Freeholders partner for betterment of youth

PLAINFIELD, NJ — Among those joining the crowd as the excitement built at the Plainfield Golden Gloves pre-match reception, held in "The Clubhouse" on March 7, were Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr. and former heavyweight contender Gerry Cooney. The local boxing matches for the New Jersey Golden Gloves, presented by PAL (Police-Community Activity League of Plainfield) followed at Plainfield High School.

The Golden Gloves dates back to 1923 when Arch Ward, a sports editor in Chicago, started an amateur boxing tournament to help youth and promote amateur competition," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan. "Golden Gloves tournaments stay within the limits of the amateur code. The Golden Gloves program is designed to encourage a positive lifestyle for young people along with discipline and good sportsmanship."

At the reception, event coordinators announced their intention of establishing a full service youth center in Plainfield to work with young people from 12

to 19 years old. The Center will include a teen center, indoor boxing, karate, basketball, mentoring, job placement and a game room. Profits go toward the establishment of the center.

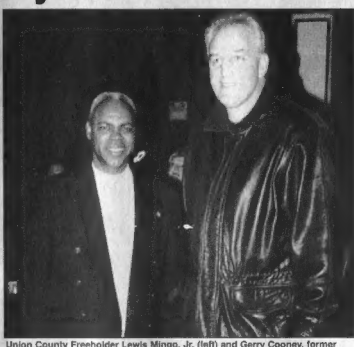
"We have contributed over \$5,000 for tournaments being held in several towns in Union County for the year 2,000."

—Freeholder Mingo

"The Union County Freeholders are happy to support the New Jersey Golden Gloves in a tangible way as well as coming to matches such as the ones held here in Plainfield," stated Freeholder Mingo.

"To back up this statement we have contributed over \$5,000 for tournaments being held in several towns in Union County for the year 2,000."

The first match for this year to be held in Union County was in Roselle Park on March 10. The last match was in Rahway



Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr. (left) and Gerry Cooney, former heavyweight contender and founder of F.I.E.T. Fighters Institute for Support and Training (right), attend the pre-match reception at "The Clubhouse."

on Friday, April 7. State finals will take place in the South Mountain Arena with winners going on to the National Golden Gloves championship in Detroit.

NCAA fields opposition on Confederate flag stance

By Pete Jacobelli

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The NCAA has received hundreds of e-mails about its decision to remove the Confederate flag from the Statehouse dome, most of them from people adamantly opposed to removing the flag.

"As somebody whose e-mail address is out there, I've gotten some e-mail that I could tell you about," spokeswoman Jane Jankowski said this week.

Last month, the NCAA's executive committee, acting on a request from the National Association of Basketball Coaches, said it would not hold its men's basketball regionals at Greenville's Bi-Lo Center in April if the flag was flew. In addition, no other NCAA championships would be held in the state if the flag remained.

Many of the e-mail letters were anonymous or signed with chat-room nicknames, Jankowski said. But "there are a lot of people who have taken time in much detail to explain why this is an important issue with them," she said. "Many have done that very eloquently. Some of them have been rude."

The NCAA sent a brief statement May 11 after South Carolina's House as the Sen. Slam tennis tournament in more than 40 years, withdrew from the Family Circle Cup last month on Hilton Head Island, citing the flag controversy.

Another black tennis player, Andre Alexander Stevenson, chose to play at the Family Circle.

Stevenson met with Hodges before the tournament to explain her position and, she said, to bring attention to the flag debate.

The NCAA would prefer to stay out of state politics, Jankowski said, "but there are also times when you can't avoid being involved, and this was one of those situations."

Flag supporters say it's a symbol of Southern heritage. Opponents say it symbolizes slavery and racism.

Leaders for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are not satisfied with the Legislature's compromise and will continue

the boycott. National NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said he would ask the NCAA to remove the basketball tournament from Greenville in two years.

Jankowski did not know if Mfume or the NAACP had made such a request. She said the NAACP, not the NAACP, prompted the NCAA to act.

Jankowski said the reaction about the flag is similar to responses from school imposed penalties. "A lot of times we'll hear from both sides," she said.

But on this issue we have mostly heard from people who are opposed to taking the flag down."

John Nash reportedly also will be fired, Schiller said Thursday he hopes to hire one person to be both president and general manager.

The team also announced Thursday it was holding down ticket prices for the 2000-01 season for the first time in memory. Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$80, and the team has at times only raised prices for certain levels, but has never held down prices across the board, team spokesman John Merts said.

Schiller also confirmed he was interested in keeping New Jersey Devils general manager Lou Lamoriello on after YankeeNets completes the purchase of the NHL team.

"He's done a great job historically and if we can keep him in place, we'll do that," he said.

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Isaiah Thomas receives award from black mayors

PHOENIX (NNPA) — NBA legend Isaiah Thomas, chairman and CEO of the Continental Basketball Association, was presented with the President's Award by the National Conference of Black Mayors Inc. (NCBMB) at the organization's annual convention, held last month in Dallas, Texas. Thomas was acknowledged for his contributions to the

community and setting a positive example as a young Black entrepreneur.

"We are pleased and very proud to present Isaiah Thomas with the NCBMB's 2000 President's Award for his tireless work on behalf of minority communities throughout the United States," commented association President Jesse M. Norwood.



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